

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 70

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Secretary of the Senate

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Deputy Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER ____

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 70—Relative to Mai Thi Kim Nguyen’s request for entry into the United States.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

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This measure would memorialize the Attorney General of the United States, the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the President and the Congress of the United States to urge the Immigration and Naturalization Service to parole Mai Thi Kim Nguyen into the United States based on compelling humanitarian reasons.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Attorney General of the United States has the authority to “parole” an alien into the United States based on compelling humanitarian reasons to assure family unity or when it is otherwise in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Mai Thi Kim Nguyen is married to Tam Tran, a former refugee from Vietnam who is now a legal immigrant residing in Sacramento, California, ably employed, and awaiting his eligibility for United States citizenship; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Tam Tran’s father, a Vietnamese war veteran who spent six years in a communist reeducation camp, qualified him and his family for refugee processing under the United States Orderly Departure Program for former reeducation camp detainees to resettle in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On April 20, 1998, Tam Tran’s father lost a yearlong battle to cancer, leaving Tam Tran to care for his mother, six younger brothers and sisters, and three young nephews on a \$1,200 per month restaurant manager’s salary; and

WHEREAS, Tam Tran works full time, will not be able to reunite with his wife until the year 2000, when he is



eligible to become a United States citizen, and needs her assistance in caring for his mother and his family to live a balanced life until the trauma of losing his father passes; and

WHEREAS, Tam Tran, who had met his future bride prior to emigrating to the United States, kept his promise to marry her when he would be financially able to support her and returned to Vietnam in 1996 to marry Mai Thi Kim Nguyen and was under the mistaken belief that she would be permitted to return with him to the United States; and

WHEREAS, If Tam Tran had married his wife at the time his father and his family had acquired refugee status prior to their departure for the United States, she would have been eligible for admission and would have been permitted to join her husband; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Attorney General of the United States, the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the President and the Congress of the United States to urge the Immigration and Naturalization Service to parole Mai Thi Kim Nguyen into the United States based on compelling humanitarian reasons to assure family unity among her husband's family members, all of whom were admitted to the United States as refugees as the children and relatives of Tam Tran's father, a former Vietnamese war veteran who fought on the side of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Attorney General of the United States, the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President and the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.



Attest:

Secretary of State

